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REMARKS

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1. On 24 November 1952, 1 85-mm AA gun, 1 37-mm AA gun, 6 AA machine guns, 14 trucks, 1 weapon carrier, 1 box-type trailer with a searchlight and 1 trailer with a dipole antenna support on the roof were observed in the AAA section of the barracks installation in Kagan (P 49/X 49). The installation was guarded by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. Ten tank trucks

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were parked in the fuel depot. The depot was guarded by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. Six soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets partly with artillery insignia, were seen with these tank trucks.

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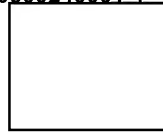
Seven armored reconnaissance vehicles and 12 trucks were seen at the former automobile and aircraft engine plant on Gabrieler Strasse which was guarded by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets.

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4. On 21 November 1952, 4 armored reconnaissance vehicles, 8 guns without muzzle brake which [redacted] were antitank guns, 38 trucks and 1 ambulance [redacted] were seen in the sheds of the former Bundeserziehungsanstalt (reformatory). Trucks [redacted] driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets were parked in the area of this installation. Nine fieldgrade officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets partly with tank and artillery insignia, were seen in the building opposite the Bundeserziehungsanstalt. About 10 soldiers rerolled cables in the yard of this building. About 40 soldiers conducted running and jumping exercises with full field pack on the drill ground.

5. [redacted]  
[redacted] All vehicles were driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. Soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets dismantled two low wooden buildings in the cantonment on the road toward Bismberg. [redacted] Six large low buildings remained intact. [redacted]  
Another cantonment consisting of 6 to 8 low buildings and occupied by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets was seen on the east side of the road toward Leobendorf (O 49/S 31) and 2 km north of the Korneuburg railroad station. No weapons were seen in the cantonment area. There was a telephone line from the cantonment to the Albrechts Kaserne. [redacted]

6. On 17 November 1952, about 60 soldiers trained on twelve 37-mm A/ guns in the Eugen Kaserne in Stockerau (O 49/S 21) which was guarded by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. [redacted]

7. On 19 November 1952, 6 guns which [redacted] were antitank guns, 11 truck, 2 jeeps and 2 field kitchens were seen in the garages west of the former district court in St. Poelten (O 49/W 38) which were guarded by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. [redacted]

8. On 19 November 1952, [redacted] in St. Poelten that four A/ guns had left Camp Spratzern (O 49/W 82). [redacted]

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1. [ ] Comment. It appears that no major changes have occurred at the Soviet posts of Vienna-Kagran, Baden, Moedling and Traiskirchen.

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2. [ ] Comment. The dismantling of low buildings in the cantonment in Korneuburg on the road toward Bisamberg is noteworthy. It is not known where the buildings were shipped. However, it is possible that they have been used for the cantonment spotted on the road toward Leobendorf. It is not known whether a transfer of Soviet units in Korneuburg is connected with this dismantling.

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3. [ ] Comment. No major changes appeared to have occurred according to the information on the occupation of St. Poelten. The four AA guns from the Camp Spratzern possibly belong to the 997th AAA Bn of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div carried in St. Poelten.

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